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15. (Twice amended) A method for controlling calls in a public ISDN communication network, comprising the sequential steps of:

5 calling, using a telephone number, wireless communication terminal equipment wirelessly connected to base stations of a home area, the base stations being connected to communication terminals of the communication network, and the wireless communication terminal equipment being additionally wirelessly connected to an ISDN sub-communication network of the ISDN communication network;

10 switching calls directed to a called wireless communication terminal equipment to an appertaining base station in the home area using the communication network; [,]

15 determining an availability of the called wireless communication terminal equipment being determined by said appertaining base station in the home area in response to said switching of calls;

20 rerouting the call, given non-availability of the called wireless communication terminal equipment, to the sub-communication network using the appertaining base station and using an ISDN performance feature of "call deflection".

REMARKS

20 These amendments were made based on an interview with the Examiner. The independent claims in the application have been amended to include: 1) the addition of a limitation indicating that the steps of the independent claims are sequential, and 2) breaking out the step of determining the availability of the wireless communication terminal by the home area base station as a distinct and sequential step, as opposed to simply being included as a characterization of the switching step (with no language temporally binding it to the switching of calls).

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The Examiner indicated that such changes would patentably distinguish the present invention over the art that has been of record in the case thus far. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and constructive comments during the interview.

5 Inasmuch as each of the rejections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that this application be passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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